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WISCONSIN MAN SENTENCED FOR PASSING COUNTERFEIT CASH IN BOONE COUNTY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a LaCrosse, Wisc., man was sentenced in federal court today for passing counterfeit money at a Columbia, Mo., business.

Randy Lee Bolstad, 30, of LaCrosse, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Nanette K. Laughrey this morning to two years in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered **Bolstad** to pay restitution to the victim.

On April 29, 2004, **Bolstad** pleaded guilty to passing two counterfeit \$20 bills and one counterfeit \$50 bill at the Upper Deck Bar in Columbia on Jan. 30, 2004. When law enforcement officers arrested **Bolstad** at the bar that evening, Graves said, they also found two more counterfeit \$20 bills in his pockets. During the investigation, Graves said, they also recovered \$4,040 worth of counterfeit bills from the trunk of **Bolstad's** car.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Boone County, Mo., Sheriff's Department and the United States Secret Service.

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